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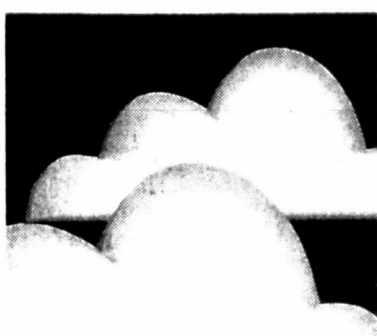
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PAMPA — In light of the holidays approaching, New Life Assembly would like to help those less fortunate. The church will be accepting good used toys and coats at LeeAnn's Grooming, 420 W. Francis, Dec. 8 - 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at New Life Assembly, 1435 N. Sumner, from Dec. 12, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PAMPA — Pampa City Commissioners this week reappointed three members of the Lovett Memorial Library Board, they are Aubrey L. Steele, Vanessa G. Buzzard and Dr. R.M. Hampton.

PAMPA — The City commission this week granted a one-year contract extension for the city's janitorial service, Hammon's Janitorial Service Company. The annual cost will remain the same, \$22,363.20.

PAMPA — City commissioners this week reappointed Brenda Moody as president election judge and Barbara Dougherty as alternate judge for a term beginning Jan. 1, 1998 and ending Dec. 31, 2000.

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Former first lady Barbara Bush is recovering from successful total hip replacement at the Mayo Clinic, the medical center says.

In a statement, the clinic said Mrs. Bush was in good condition after the surgery Wednesday morning and should be released from the hospital after several days of recuperation.

The statement gave no further details.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night.

The jackpot, will rise to about \$8 million for Saturday's drawing if sales continue as expected.

Numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-2-20-21-26-41.

- Robert Allen 'Al' Brown, 41, Ballinger contract roofer.
- Jean H. Close, 71, Hansford County tax assessor.
- William Gordon Crocker, 82, Deaf Senior Citizens member.
- Jack Wayman Doresett, 44, former McLean High Coach.
- Joe N. Key, 96, last known Gray County WWI veteran.
- Orvil D. Land, 74, former Pantex equipment operator.

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Natural gas prices to rise Dec. bills reflect hike

The price of gas is going up to keep Pampa homes warm for the winter.

Energas notified the City of Pampa that natural gas prices will be rising an estimated \$1.225 per Mcf. in December.

In a letter to city officials, Energas said the cost of gas to the company's Fritch-Sanford System which supplies Pampa is estimated for December to be \$3.6607 per Mcf. Under their contract to supply gas for the city, the company is allowed to pass increased price they pay at the well head to their customers.

This translates into an estimated increase of \$1.2225 per Mcf for December bills, according to James E. David, price policy and administration analyst with Energas.

Richard Morris with the City of Pampa explained that gas prices fluctuate during the year. Normally, the highest prices are in the

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Hispanic veterans group organizing

An organization to honor Hispanic veterans is coming to Pampa.

J.R. Moreno, director of public affairs for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), is attempting to bring a branch of the American G. I. Forum to the city.

The American G.I. Forum was founded in 1948 in Corpus Christi by a coalition of Hispanic veterans and non-veterans. The organization works to promote education community involvement, political representation and economic improvement according to Moreno.

Over a half a million Hispanics have served in the armed forces since WW II and over two hundred thousand of those were

killed or injured. The GI forum of Texas has reported there are more Medal of Honor winners from the Hispanic community than from any other ethnic group.

Among the main objectives of the organization, according to Moreno, is to combat juvenile delinquency through the Youth GI Forum program, which teaches respect for law and order, discipline, good sportsmanship, and the value of teamwork.

They also promote loyalty to the flag. One of the aspects of the group that has Moreno excited is the scholarships they award to deserving students.

Moreno says that LULAC will have an organizational meeting soon to announce specific details.

Dec. 19 is deadline for post card contest

Post cards for Pampa and Gray County are being designed by members of the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art in cooperation with FOCUS magazine and will be available in local stores in March.

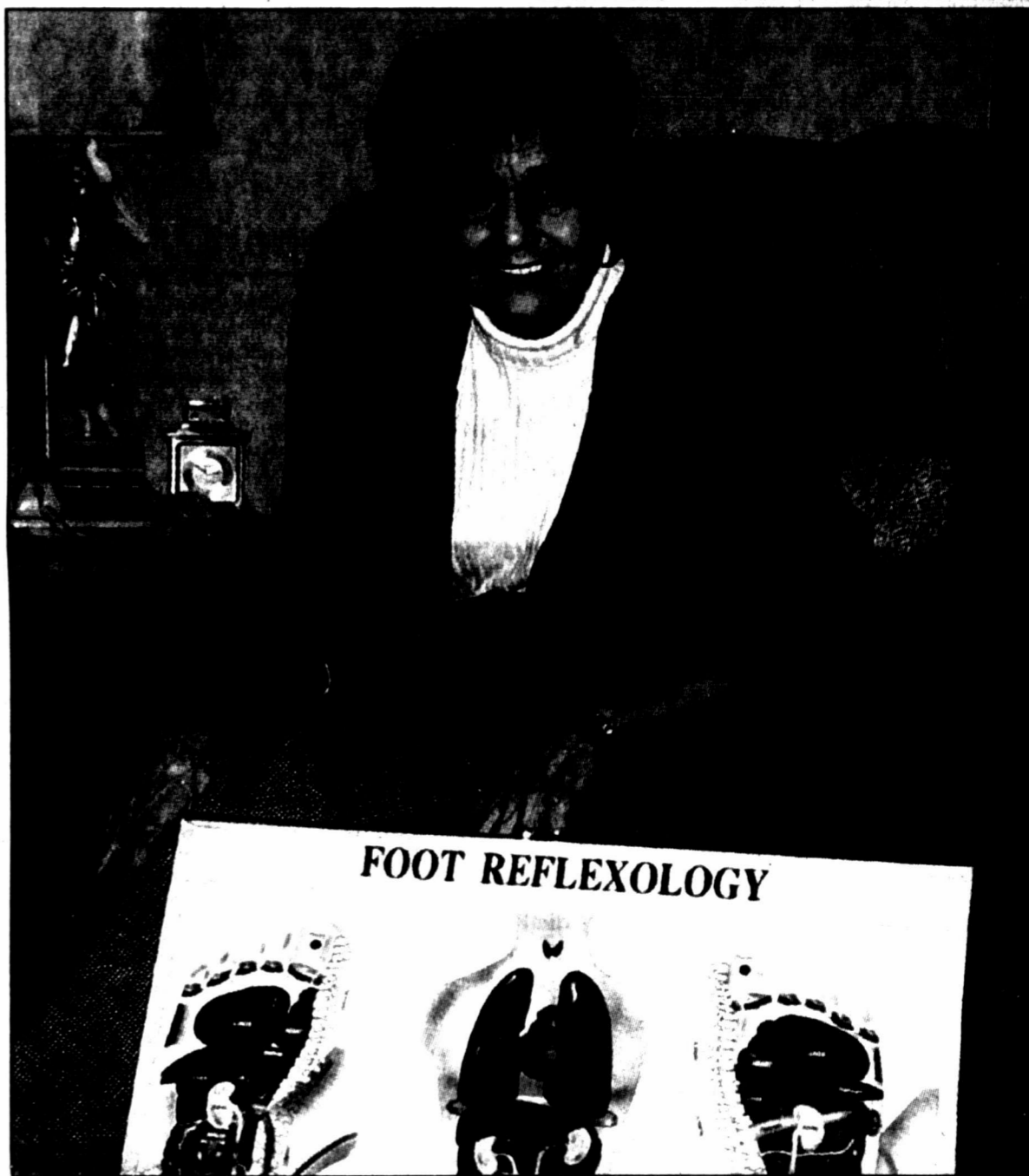
One of the post cards will feature area interests done by local artists. This work can be in watercolor, acrylic, and/or pen and ink with coloring. Washes should be stible yellows, browns, light blues and green-browns. The total picture to be submitted can not be any larger than 8 inches by 10 inches and paper can be wrapped around a disk for processing. Suggested subjects are buildings and art sculpture.

The finished card can include from four to nine drawings that will be photographed to a reduced size so they can be arranged in a layout that will be processed postcard size, about four inches by five inches. Or the artist can submit a college of area interests.

The purpose of this postcard design is to promote Pampa and Gray County.

The completed art piece should be put in a large envelope and titled "Postcard Art." Include the artist's name, address and phone number on the outside of the envelope and deliver to the Chamber of Commerce by noon, December 19. One sample art card is available at the Chamber of viewing. For additional, information call Kathy Gist, 665-4742.

Helping hands ... and feet



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Joy Brown, in her home with her foot reflexology poster which shows areas on the foot that correspond with other parts of the body.

Reflexology Woman practices ancient art

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

This alternative approach to medicine, however, is not an excuse not to see a doctor, Brown said.

As a reflexologist, Joy Brown takes away the pain. Or tries to, anyway. And her clients are most appreciative.

"Joy is a real upper," said Bobbye Petty, "She's a 'joy' to be around," said Donna Durall.

People have mistaken Brown's profession, she said, as that of a person who lights candles and does who-knows-what to people.

"But no, no," she said laughing, "it's a science."

Joy studied and wanted to be a nail technician, until she found out she was allergic to the chemicals involved, and so she turned to reflexology.

"A reflexologist is someone who is trained to relieve pain and stress through the massaging of the feet and hands," she explained.

"I'm not a doctor, or a diagnostician, but I do pain."

She, and her clients, agree that reflexology is a valuable resource for pain removal, particularly pain associated with the back, neck and head, Joy added.

"I basically learned how to do this on my feet," she said. "I saw immediate results with my own hip problem."

However, she's also been able to successfully bring an end to stomach aches, cramps, sinus problems and several other painful ailments by massaging the pain away.

There are different pressure points on both the hands and feet that correlate to other parts of the body, according to reflexology. In that sense, it seems like acupuncture.

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Our neighbors...

Guitar instructor on Branson stage with Osmonds

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

family act The Moffitts. The Elk City native says he enjoyed teaching here but being onstage is what he really wanted to do.

Being on stage getting applause for your music, that's a dream come true for one former Pampa resident. Mike McAdoo came to Pampa in 1977 to teach music at the Tarpley Music Company. Now he plays two shows a night six days a week for the Osmonds in Branson, Mo. He has recorded with Mel Tillis and Boxcar Willie in Branson and recorded with the country

In 1980, the music teacher became a member of the road band 'Dealers Choice' and traveled for four years. It was during this time that he met and married Pampa native Kim Albin when she was visiting Elk City. In 1986, he got a chance to go to Branson and he worked there for

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(Special photo)

Donny Osmond (left) and Mike McAdoo performing together for the 40th anniversary Osmond special which will be broadcast next year.

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50s concert



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Austin Elementary Chorus teacher Wanetta Hill had her students bopping to tunes of the past at a 50s concert recently. (from left, back) Rebecca Gindorf, Ryan Carroll, Juan Mejia, Lindsey Ledford, Teryn Garner, Matthew Robertson, Kyle Cambren, Lindsey Ammons, Autumn Schaub, (left, front) David Burns, Rhiannon Casados, Jerica Timmons and Emilea Greer.

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



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MESSIAH sing-along



(Pampa News photo)

Wanetta Hill is one of the several soloists scheduled to sing at the MESSIAH sing-along this Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come and sing or watch. Be sure to bring your copies of the score!

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Lawyer wants Ten Commandments removed from court

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston attorney says it offends him to see the Ten Commandments displayed in the courtroom.

Daniel Shea, a lawyer and Roman Catholic theologian, filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking a temporary restraining order to make District Judge Scott Brister take down the display.

The Ten Commandments are sacred Hebrew writings found in the books of Genesis and

Deuteronomy in the Bible and have no place in a courtroom, Shea said.

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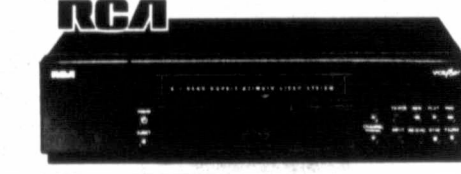
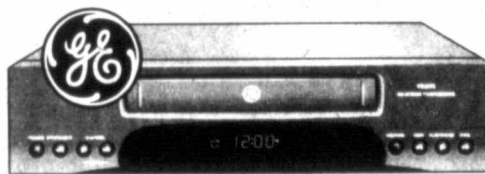
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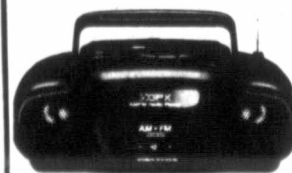
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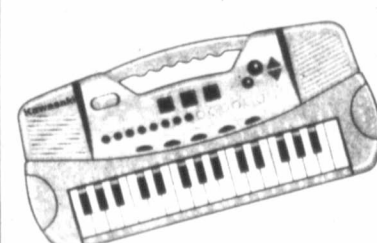
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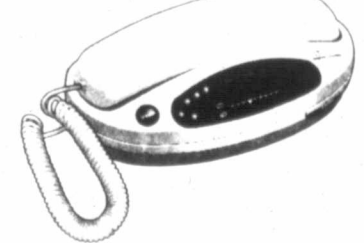
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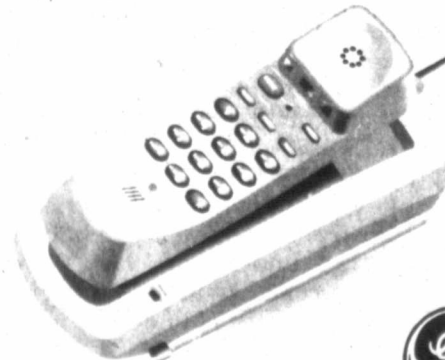
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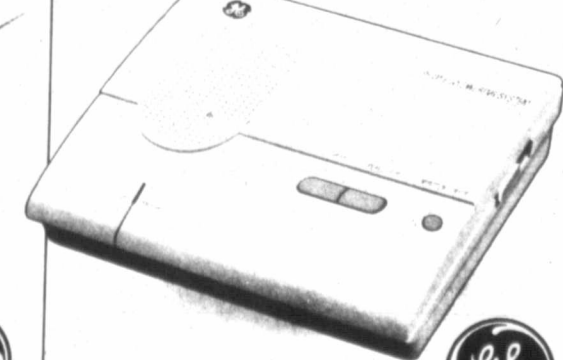
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Square House to present concert to benefit food bank

PANHANDLE — The Square House Museum has announced an upcoming concert to benefit the regional food bank Dec. 18 in Conway Church located at the south end of the museum complex in Panhandle. Two performances featuring the capella groups One Voice and Heaven Bound are scheduled at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

One Voice and Heaven Bound will sing a selection of seasonal songs and traditional hymns including *Breath of Heaven, Mary, Did You Know* and *New Kid in Town*.

One Voice is a group of five women — Sherri Bronniman, Nancy Burrell, Brenda Fields, Lorrie Lindsey and Sheryl Oliver, all of Panhandle. The women have been performing together for three years, traveling all over the Panhandle and New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Wyoming as well. They recently recorded their first album, and the sale of these tapes is their only source of income to cover travel expenses. There is no admission charge for their performances.

Heaven Bound is a group of four men — Dick Archer of Berger, Alvin Stamps and Gaylon Stamps, both of Panhandle, and John Wimberley of Claude.

As a prelude to the early performance, Elizabeth O'Neal will perform several pieces on the violin.

This event will mark the second concert at Conway Church to support the food bank. Admission will be one can of food.

For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

Boat permits for the coming year available at Meredith

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area annual boat permits for 1998 have arrived and will be available Dec. 22 at Park Headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch. Park Headquarters will be open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, except during the following holidays: Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1.

Annual one-day permits will also be available at the Marina at Lake Meredith, C.J.'s Bait Shop and L's Bait Store. Mail-in forms for purchasing annual passes may be obtained at Park Headquarters or by calling (806) 857-3151.

Current annual boat permits are valid until Dec. 31. The new permits are \$40 and will be valid until Dec. 31, 1998. One-day permits will not be sold this year due to small demand last year.

A new automated fee machine will be installed in the lobby of the headquarters building. This machine will dispense both daily and annual permits. A receipt for the annual permit can later be exchanged for the annual boat sticker. The lobby will be open 24 hours a day beginning Jan. 2 for purchase of boating permits.

The park received 80 percent of the collected \$51,430 in boating permit sales during 1997. Currently two projects are being funded with the proceeds: solar lights for parking lots at boat ramps and a high wind warning system.

Health officials battle Shigella outbreak

WACO (AP) — An outbreak of shigella has prompted the federal Centers for Disease Control to begin helping Central Texas doctors trace the roots of the bacterial illness.

With the number of reported shigella cases in McLennan County standing at 66, investigators from the CDC and the Texas Department of Health were due in Waco today.

Sixteen more cases have been reported since Nov. 1, when there were 51 reports of shigella in McLennan County, which has about 200,000 residents.

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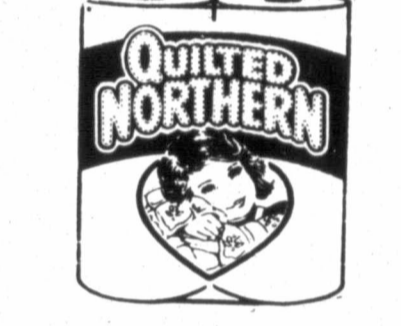
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Christmas Program is a big success

Angie Davenport
editor

The jr. high and high school Christmas choir and speech program was at 7:00 pm on Thursday December fourth at the high school auditorium. The choir, directed by Lela Harris, began the show with their traditional Christmas carols. Several choir members sang solos. After the group numbers, more modern solos were sung.

Following the choir, the speech class acted out their version of a reading of "The Night Before Christmas," written by the speech teacher Scott Carothers. Their story became quite exciting when the small children that were casted broke into a pillow fight on stage. It was the most interesting interpretation I'm sure anyone has seen.

This ended the Christmas program. The elementary Christmas program will be on December 16 in the high school auditorium.



Willie Hathaway plays it cool.



Sr., Angie Davenport, performs a solo at the choir program.

Question Of The Week

What is the best Christmas present you could ever get?



Katisha Danielle Jackson and Brandon Bradford Kidd Jackson-Kidd

Katisha Danielle Jackson and Brandon Bradford Kidd, both of Lefors, plan to wed Dec. 31, 1997, at First Baptist Church of Lefors. The bride-elect is the daughter of Russell and Diana Jackson of Lefors. She is a senior at Lefors Independent School District. She plans to pursue a music degree at university upon graduation. The prospective groom is the son of William and Rhonda Kidd of Lefors. He is a 1995 graduate of Pampa Independent School District. He is currently employed as a correctional officer at the Clements Unit in Amarillo.

Question Responses

Shelly Murray
yearbook editor

Should a teenagers privacy be more important than the parents right to know?

Kids should have enough privacy to think for themselves, but parents should limit privacy because kids sometimes takes advantage of privilage. Aimee Monroe-Jr.

Parents should give children privacy to make their own decisions and be responsible but parents should limit their privacy to a reasonable standard to protect them. Shelly Murray-Jr.

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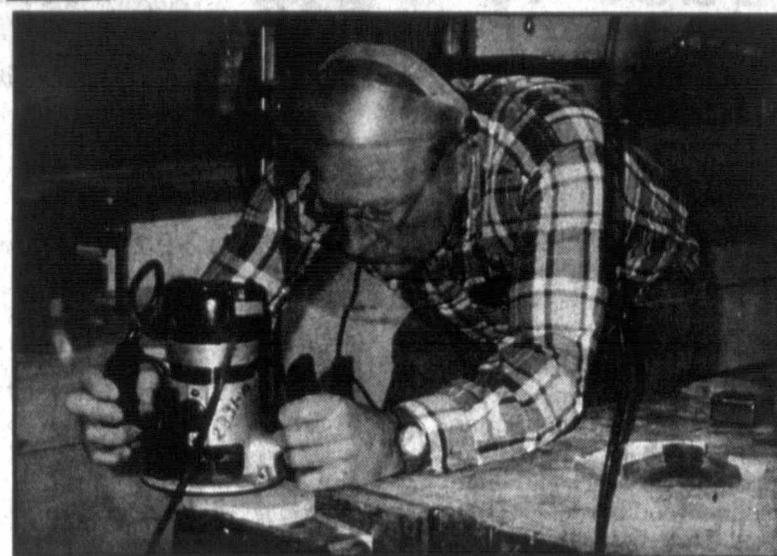
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A parents right to know is more important than the privacy of a teenager because the parents are responsible for their children. The parents have to decide how much freedom to let their kids have to make their own choices. Angie Davenport-Sr.

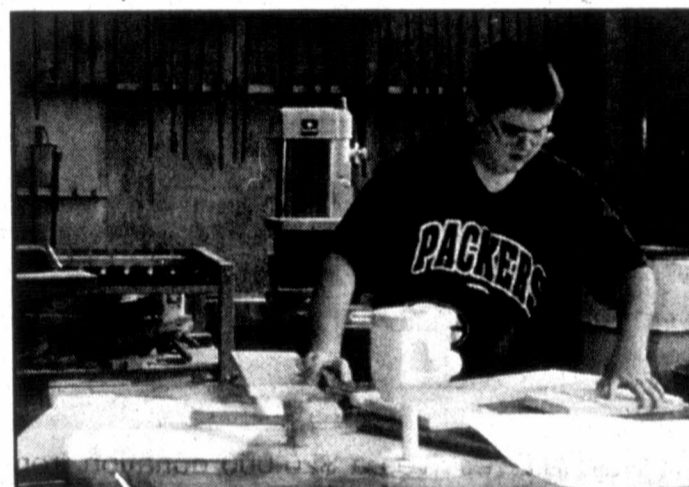
Teenagers should have their privacy to an extent. Parents should respect their privacy, but kids should know when to tell their parents about things. Heather Howard-Jr.



Shop Teacher/ Coach Richard Moore uses the router on a gumball machine.



Tobee Bowman, Sophomore, makes a goofy face for the camera.



Mase Ferguson working hard on his Shop project.



Girls play their hardest to win against Pampa Christian.



Boys Basketball team fights hard to win against Shamrock



Kindergarten learns about their heritage on Thanksgiving.

Lefors Boys Basketball

Misty McMullen
Newspaper editor

The boys basketball team suffered a tragic loss against Fort Elliot Tuesday night on December second.

This was not the only loss the Pirates had. They also lost a player and were forced to finish more than half of the game with only four players. Jeremy Pierce suffered an injury in the game. He was thought to have hyperextended his knee but the extent of the injury is undetermined at this time. The boys team will not play until another player can be attained or until Pierce can play again.

The girls basketball team wants to wish their boys team a quick recovery.

Lady Pirates Participate in Lakeview Tournament.

Heather Howard
staff writer

Lefors Lady Pirates participated in the Lakeview basketball tournament last weekend.

The Lady Pirates played 3 games. They came out on top in 1 game against Memphis J.V. 44 - 15. They also dropped two games Lakeview and Pampa Christian.

Pierce-Neal

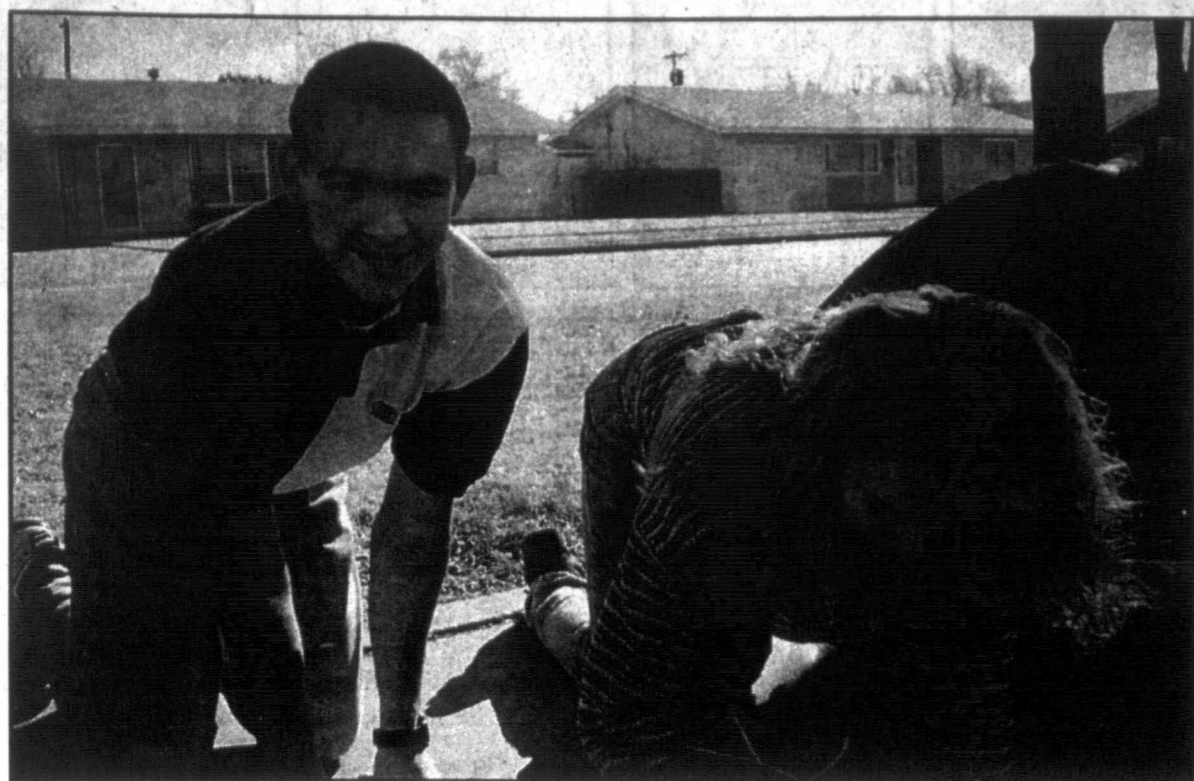


Adrian Alvis Neal of Shamrock and Landie Lynn Pierce of Lefors will be joined together by the bonds of holy matrimony on Saturday, December 20th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lefors Church of Christ building.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Pierce of Lefors. She is currently attending Clarendon College in Pampa and plans to continue her pursuit of a degree in counseling.

The perspective groom is the son of Herman and Maria Neal of Shamrock. He plans to finish high school in Lefors then continue his education at Clarendon College.

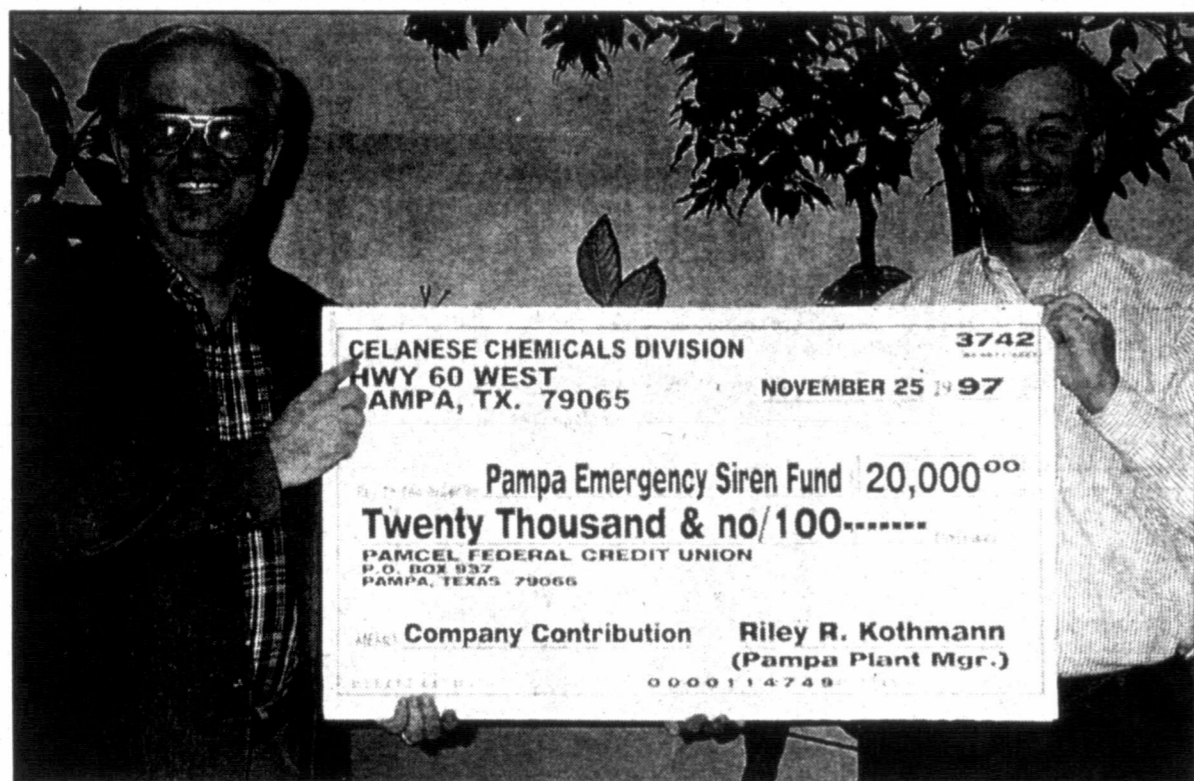
Sidewalk art



(Community Camera photo)

Wanda Cotter's eighth grade accelerated English classes created sidewalk chalk drawings to review their reading of the novel *Johnny Tremain*. Completing a drawing are Brad Stucker and Misty Northcutt.

Siren donation



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Ken Hall, left, receives a \$20,000 donation from Celanese plant manager Riley Kothman for the siren fund.

Study shows medication may help aggression

WASHINGTON (AP) — A schizophrenia medicine may help calm the aggression and delusions that can lead people with Alzheimer's and other dementias to attack loved ones and nursing home workers. The advantage of risperidone over standard therapies: It treats these psychotic symptoms without troubling side effects, scientists announced Wednesday. "With a safer agent, we can really begin more use of the medicine, not just to keep the (nursing home) aide from being slugged, but to help the patient enjoy life more," said lead investigator Dr. Ira Katz, who pre-

sented his findings at a psychiatry meeting in Hawaii. Janssen Pharmaceutica, which sells risperidone for schizophrenia, paid for the study. The company plans to seek Food and Drug Administration approval next month to market the drug to dementia patients as well. A third of Alzheimer's patients develop psychotic symptoms — aggression, delusions, hallucinations — in addition to the memory loss and confusion that characterize the incurable disease. Psychoses also are common in dementias caused by stroke. These behavioral problems

are a leading reason dementia patients are put in nursing homes. One study participant, 83-year-old stroke patient Jimmy Dunne, was so aggressive that his New York City nursing home complained almost daily to family members. Another drug merely sedated him, but risperidone restored a cheerful personality in his final months, said daughter Lorraine Fitzpatrick.

Museum officials de-emphasize anti-war protests

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — While she thought the country was wrong to fight in the Vietnam War, Barbara Hauke also believed those soldiers' efforts have been undervalued for years. "I really felt that this country really didn't do anything for these men," said Ms. Hauke, chairwoman of the nation's only museum dedicated to Vietnam. "It had to be done. The story had to be told." Some veterans believe the story isn't being told right. They say the Vietnam Era Educational Center focuses too heavily on the anti-war move-

ment and gives offensive portrayals of U.S. soldiers as drug users. "They were putting like Abbie Hoffman in there and there had been some rumors of pictures of Jane Fonda," veteran Bob Maras said, referring to two war protesters. "We said, 'You put that in there, you can kiss this building goodbye.'" So organizers opted to change the exhibits even before the museum officially opens next September in Holmdel, 40 miles south of Newark. All references to U.S. soldiers using drugs in Vietnam will be eliminated and some anti-war footage will be replaced with soldiers' stories.

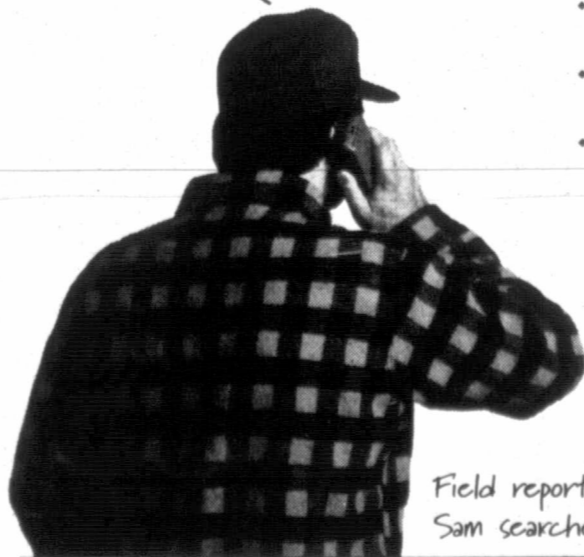
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Professionals Offer Guidance To Teen Who's Being Stalked

DEAR ABBY: "Quaking in California," the 15-year-old girl who was bothered by her father's friend, must talk immediately to her school counselor or a caring, sympathetic teacher. And she must not be afraid to tell the truth if police interview her.

Four years ago, the sister of one of my students became unusually quiet and withdrawn, so I made a point of befriending her. She told me a shocking story about "the man who sleeps in my bed," her father's boyhood friend who came to the family's trailer in the evenings, slept in her bed and made sexual advances. Her parents did not interfere! She told me how scared she was, and that she couldn't sleep, think or do her school work.

I told her to tell her parents that I said they must "make him leave tonight, or by law they could be held responsible." That empowered the parents. He left that night. I also contacted her school principal, who summoned a deputy because we are legally required to report such incidents. I was away from school the day they questioned her. The poor girl was so intimidated she denied everything. She was sure the man would kill her if she reported him.

Later, the deputy called me to say that apparently the girl had lied to me. I was shocked. I was often in her home because of their distress and poverty. I knew her well enough to know she was telling me the truth. The family believes the



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

man murdered his pregnant wife in his hometown in another country and fled here illegally. They also believed that he delivered narcotics across the state, hidden among the heavy equipment he transported. The parents were terrified of him.

Abby, I wrote a letter and sent it to the Sheriff's Department, the INS, the DEA, our SANE (Substance Abuse Narcotics Education) officer, the student's principal, and a newspaper reporter who had befriended the family. The "man who sleeps in my bed" disappeared in days and hasn't been seen since. We could get rid of those who would harm our children, if we persist.

A CALIFORNIA TEACHER

DEAR TEACHER: You handled the problem very well. I hope others will learn from your example. Please read on for more input from a caring professional:

DEAR ABBY: I am a clinical

social worker in Los Angeles who is very disturbed about the letter in your column from the 15-year-old girl who is being stalked and harassed by her father's 34-year-old male friend.

You were absolutely correct when you told her to save and photocopy the notes and show them to a responsible adult, such as a school counselor or clergyman. I would strongly urge this young woman to go even further than this. The behavior of these irresponsible parents is unconscionable. They cannot be relied upon to take action when the school authorities contact them about this.

She can, and should, report this man's behavior both to the police and to her local Department of Children's Services. Her school counselor can help her contact them: These two entities have the power to protect her from further harassment and stalking (and he is indeed stalking her), to provide education and counseling to the family, to educate her mother and father about responsible parenting, and to monitor them to ensure that they provide it. She should also ask her school counselor to provide her with ongoing counseling for herself.

Urge her to do this without delay, before the man becomes more bold in his actions.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 12, 1997

In the year ahead, developments are likely to provide you with more authority over others in certain situations. Arrangements you're called upon to manage should work out well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will be a very agreeable person today, provided everyone does things your way. If you encounter opposition (and you might), your warmth is apt to wane.

Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep any good news concerning your career to yourself today. Someone who isn't a staunch supporter might try to slip a burr beneath your saddle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're planning a social function today, restrict your guest list to compatible participants. Crowd-builders might crowd out the fun.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep an eye out today for your charges. They could need your protection because a manipulator might attempt to take advantage of them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have no difficulty winning arguments today if your presentation is considerate and unbiased. Asserting points too harshly evokes heated responses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In commercial matters today, follow the dictates of your own deductions and reasoning. Outside opinions or influences could operate against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Seek companions whose aims and interests reflect yours. Individuals whose ideas are out of

sync with yours could have a disruptive effect on your day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It could prove unwise today to attempt to do an important project prematurely. Use the time at your disposal to improve upon your concept.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your friends will appreciate you more today if you accept them as they are. Keep critical observations and suggestions to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Inexperienced assistants could gum up the works today in delicate career arrangements. Try to work only with people who are eminently qualified.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Clever ideas are likely to come more profusely to you today than to your contemporaries. Be patient and helpful with those who are on the slow track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might want a bigger slice of the pie than you deserve today for something you did as a team with others. Do not be unreasonable.

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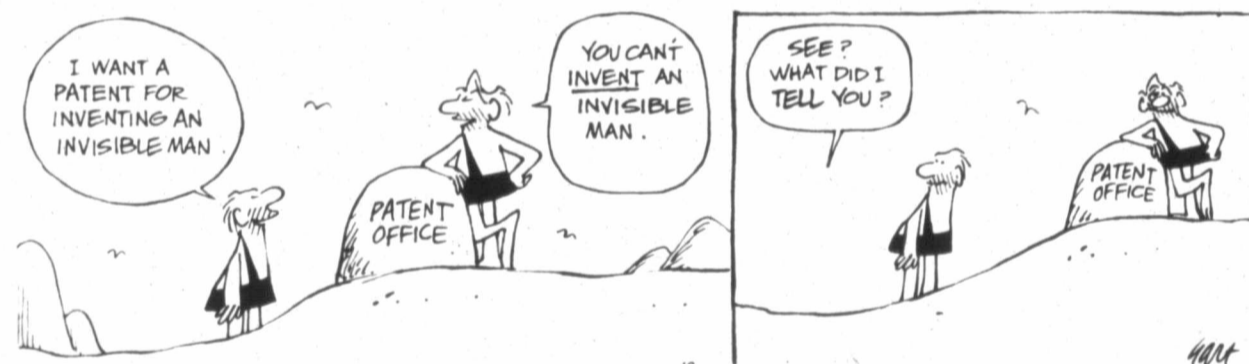
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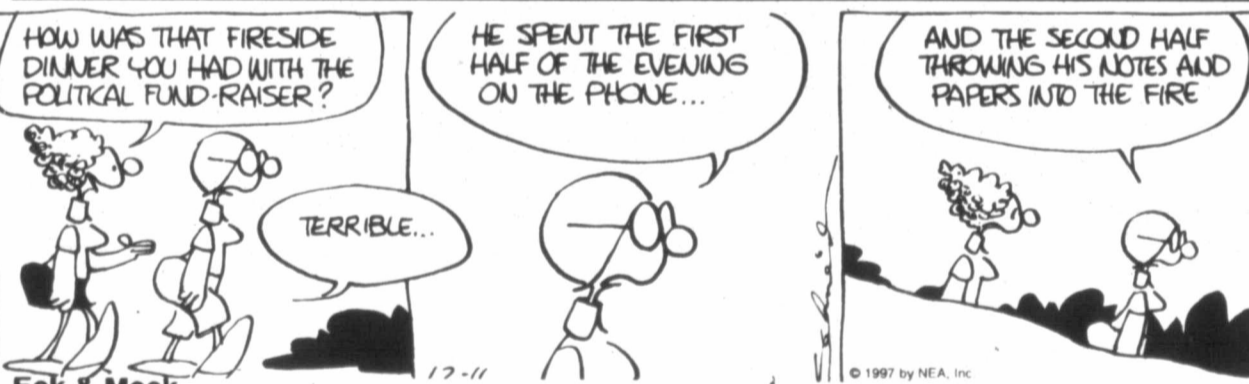
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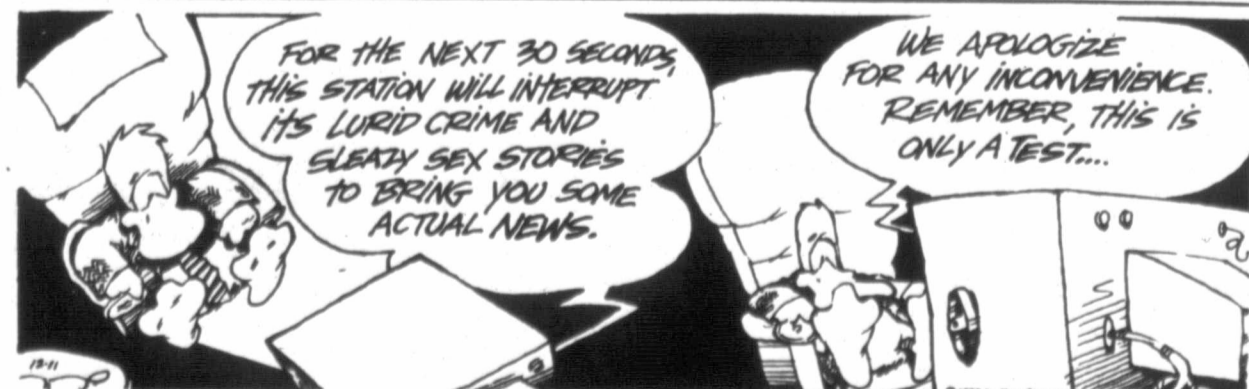
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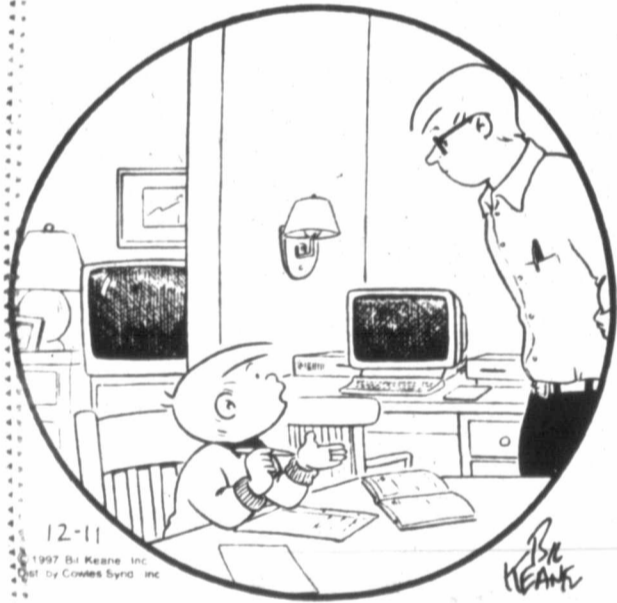
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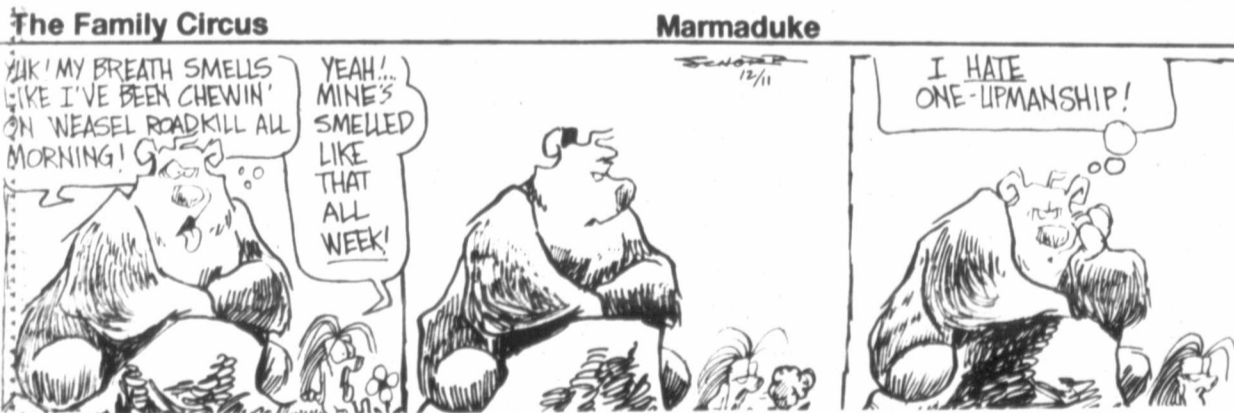
Mallard Filmore



"It's my homework. Mom hid the remote AND the mouse."



"I don't suppose that plowed walk would interest you."



Peanuts

SPORTS

Wheeler shoots for fourth state crown

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open Divisions will be offered.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. and the season will begin on Jan. 21, 1998.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PAMPA — Pampa opened District 1-4A play with a 46-38 win over Dumas in junior varsity girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

Pampa JVs are now 1-0 in district play and 9-1 for the season.

Lisa Kirkpatrick led Pampa in scoring with 19 points. Jennifer Ross added 13 and Anne Gaddis 8.

Pampa and Caprock junior varsities play Friday night in Amarillo.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are making the move from pretender to contender this season.

The Spurs defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 102-87 Wednesday night, and started to believe in themselves again.

Veterans David Robinson and Avery Johnson showed the way in record-setting fashion as the Spurs broke a three-game losing streak. Robinson scored 30 points and Johnson had a career-high 20 assists.

"I thought we would be 14-6, at least, by this point," Johnson said, "but you can either get down about it or keep your mind-set and stay focused on your goal."

CORRECTION

Wrestler Reece Dills of the Pampa Takedown Club finished third at last weekend's Amarillo Invitational. His brother, Cxyz Dills, placed fourth in Division Two.

FOOTBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — One of college football's most successful coaches is calling it quits, and Washington State is expected to help give Tom Osborne the best retirement gift he could get.

Imagine the frenzy in Miami if the No. 8 Cougars upset top-ranked Michigan in the Rose Bowl, clearing the way for No. 2 Nebraska to send Osborne into retirement with his third national championship.

The scenario became possible Wednesday when Osborne announced his retirement after 25 seasons. Osborne's eyes welled with tears after he said the Orange Bowl against No. 3 Tennessee on Jan. 2 would be his last game.

Frank Solich, a Nebraska assistant for 19 years, was named to succeed Osborne, who indicated he would stay on through February to help with recruiting and other transitional matters.

HOUSTON (AP) — First Grant Wistrom got some bad news. Then came the good news.

The man Wistrom called a father figure, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, announced his retirement Wednesday, just hours before the Cornhuskers' defensive end won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

It was a bittersweet day for Wistrom, who was pleased with his trophy, but sad to see Osborne calling it a career after two national titles and 254 victories in 25 years.

"I was upset. I mean, the man meant the world to me the last four years," Wistrom said. "He praised me when I needed praise and he scolded me when I needed scolding."

WHEELER — Wheeler goes for the school's fourth state championship Saturday night, meeting the Granger Lions at 7:30 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

For this particular group of Mustangs, it will be their first trip to state championship territory. Head coach Jim Verden has been there before, but not as a football coach.

"I was fortunate enough to win a couple of state titles in track and I've coached kids who have won state track titles. It's hard to explain to kids what the feeling is like. I don't think I could. It's something that has to be experienced," said Verden, a Wheeler native.

The Mustangs cruised into the championship game with a dominating 35-12 win over Munday in last weekend's semifinals in Childress.

"The kids executed our game plan to perfection except for one pass play. They just outathleticed us on that one," Verden said.

The pass play Verden is referring to was the 76-yard touchdown



(Pampa News photo)

The Wheeler Mustangs (above) will be charging into the Class 1A finals against the Granger Lions Saturday night in Abilene.

By Munday in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs had the game well in hand before then.

By halftime, Wheeler had built a 20-0 bulge. Wheeler, which reached the state semifinals a year, enters Saturday night's showdown with an 11-3 record.

"It's great to be able to take a bunch of kids and mould them together, then have a chance to win a state championship," Verden said. "There's a lot of excitement about getting this far. Now, we just need to go out and play our type of game."

Granger, at 12-1, reached the finals by sneaking past Celeste, 22-19, in the other semifinal tilt.

The Lions' offense is sparked by a pair of brothers, Brandon Everage at quarterback and older brother James Everage at wide receiver.

"These two are Granger's go-to guys. Brandon throws and runs the ball real well. James is 6-3 and weighs 195 to 200 and just a tremendous athlete," added Verden. "Granger is a big-play club."

As far as size goes, both teams will match up about the same on the line, he said.

"I look for a real knockdown fight," Verden said. "I don't know if we can stop them, but we're hoping we can slow them down."

Wheeler won state titles in 1987, 1979 and 1977.

Gymnasts get ready for state

PAMPA — Three Gymnastics of Pampa team members are heading to the Texas State Championships in Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Alyssa Bromwell will compete in the 11-year-old age group. She is the current District One champion and was 16th all-around at the North State semifinals.

Jaclyn Spearman will be competing in the 10-year-old age group. She won 14th on balance beam and 20th on vault at the North State meet. She was 26th all-around to qualify for the state meet.

Jennifer Hutchison, who will compete in the 12 year and older division, was fifth in floor exercise and 14th on vault at the North State meet. She was 15th in all-around to qualify for the Texas State Championships. Jennifer has only participated in gymnastics for about 15 months.



Alyssa Bromwell

Cowboys' Smith won't risk health just to get 1,000-yard season

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith says he doesn't want to risk his health to pick up the 34 yards he needs to become only the fourth back in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in seven consecutive seasons.

If the Dallas Cowboys running back can pick up the 34 yards in Dallas' last two games, he would join Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Eric Dickerson who had seven consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

"I don't want to feel like I'm hurting the team with my perfor-

mance, but it would be great to have a thousand yards," said Smith, 28, who has a partially separated left shoulder.

"I don't feel like my talent has diminished — and I'm not just saying that," Smith told The Dallas Morning News on Wednesday. "If I believed it, I'd be the first one to go to Jerry and tell him to get rid of me."

Staying healthy is his top priority, said Smith.

He injured his shoulder Thanksgiving Day against Tennessee and aggravated the

injury pass-blocking Monday night in the first quarter against Carolina.

Smith was able to practice Wednesday and coach Barry Switzer said he expects him to play some Sunday against Cincinnati.

But Switzer has said backup Sherman Williams will play quite a bit in the last two games. Switzer suggested Smith's season will end as soon as he gains his 1,000th yard.

Smith, who has missed portions of four games with injuries, has 966 yards on 236 carries.

TPWD survey reveals increased Panhandle Pheasant numbers

PAMPA — Results of a wildlife survey conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) indicate 1997 has been an outstanding year for pheasant populations in the Texas Panhandle. As a result, local biologists are predicting one of the finest hunting seasons in years.

The pheasant roadside surveys, conducted in 25 counties within the TPWD Panhandle Regulatory District, revealed an average of 25 pheasants per survey route, a substantial increase over the 7 pheasants per route observed in 1996. This is the largest number of birds observed since 1988. According to Mike Miller, TPWD wildlife biologist, the highest pheasant counts were in Sherman, Moore, Hansford and Deaf Smith Counties.

Why the recent increase in

pheasant numbers?

"The above normal precipitation experienced from mid-1006 through 1997 has improved the quality of vegetative cover for nesting and brood rearing," explained Miller. In addition, the precipitation has a tremendous impact on the quality of food items, such as seeds, plant shoots and insects."

The 16-day pheasant hunting season runs Dec. 13 through Dec. 28 in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Daily bag limit is three cocks per hunter (6 in possession). Hunters should also note that one foot or all feathers should remain attached to the harvested bird until it reaches its final destination.

Kansas posts wild win over Minutemen

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Raef LaFrentz tipped in Paul Pierce's miss with 20 seconds left Wednesday night to give No. 3 Kansas a wild 73-71 victory over Massachusetts for the Jayhawks' 50th straight home court win.

The Minutemen, 17 point

underdogs, led most of the game behind Charlton Clarke, who hit 5-of-6 3-pointers and finished with 22 points.

Clarke canned his fifth 3-pointer with 43 seconds left to tie it 71-all before LaFrentz muscled inside for the winning tip-in.

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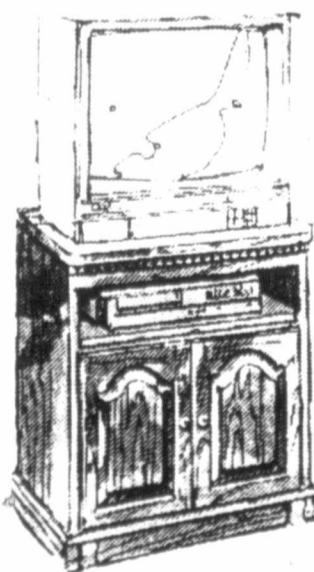
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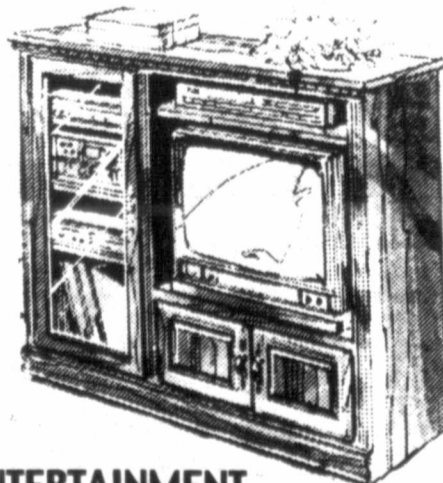
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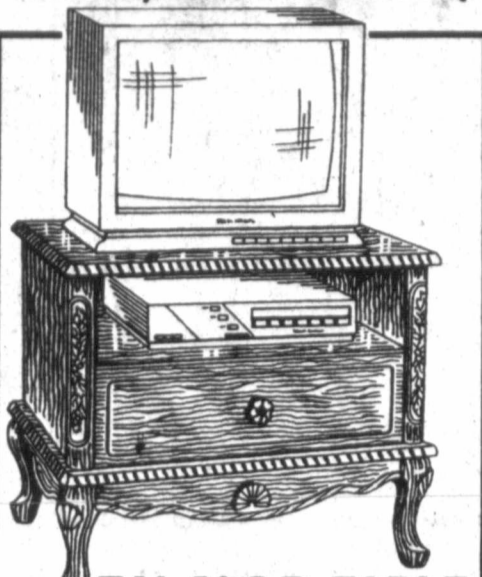


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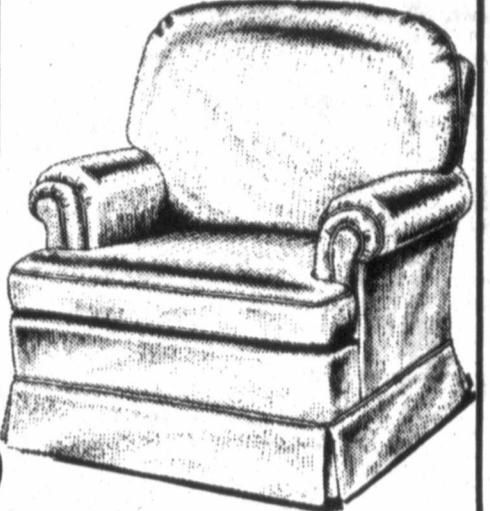
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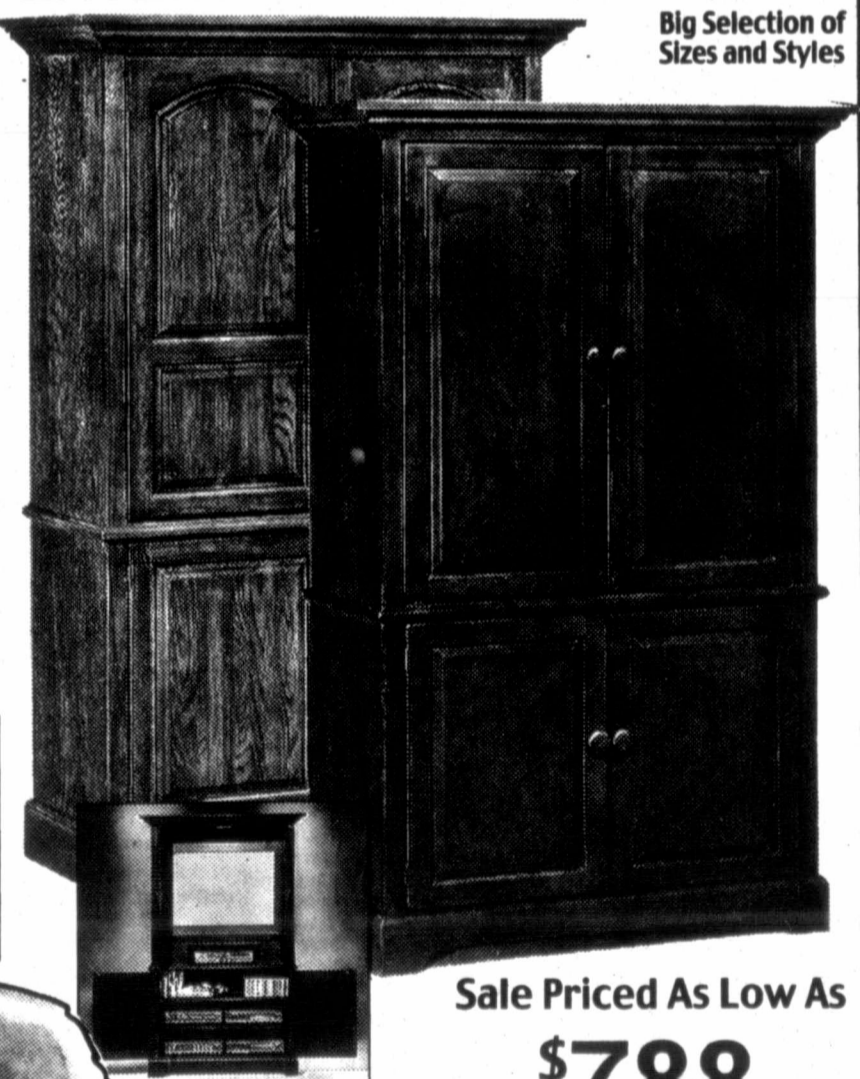
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